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TAGS: EAGR, VE

SUBJ: VENEZUELAN DUTY ON PEARS

REF: STATE 235268

1. FROM 1958 TO MAY 1, 1973, TARIFF ON PEARS WAS AT  
FIXED RATE OF BS 0.10 PER KG. FROM MAY 1, 1973, (TIME  
VENEZUELA ADOPTED TARIFF SYSTEM PATTERNED AFTER BTN)  
TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1974, ADVALOREM CHARGE OF 10PCT WAS APPLIED.  
THROUGHOUT ENTIRE PERIOD FROM 1958 IMPORT LICENSES WERE REQUIRED.  
TOTAL QUANTITY IMPORTED ANNUALLY UNDER LICENSE WAS FIXED,  
WITH LICENSE DISTRIBUTION TO VENEZUELAN FIRMS BASED ON  
QUANTITY OF LOCAL ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT RESPECTIVE FIRMS  
EXPORTED. EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 1974, DUTY INCREASED  
TO 30PCT ADVALOREM AS REPORTED, CARACAS 9485. IN ADDITION,  
ALTHOUGH IMPORT LICENSES SETTING MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PEARS  
TO ENTER COUNTRY IN A YEAR WILL CONTINUE, ISSUANCE WILL NOT  
BE BASED ON EXPORTS OF VENEZUELAN ORANGE AND GRAPEFRUIT.

2. VENEZUELAN IMPORTERS HAVE APPEALED TO MINISTRY OF  
DEVELOPMENT TO EXONERATE ENTIRE 30PCT DUTY CHARGE ON QUANTITY  
OF PEARS YET TO ENTER UNDER 1974 IMPORT LICENSES. POSSIBILITY  
OF EXONERATION CONSIDERED GOOD, AND US PEAR EXPORTERS SHOULD  
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BENEFIT ACCORDINGLY.

3. THIRTY PERCENT DUTY IS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES  
OUTSIDE LAFTA. LAFTA PRESENTLY IS ABLE TO SUPPLY PEARS  
TO VENEZUELA SEASONALLY, BUT HAS INSUFFICIENT PRODUCTION  
TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE QUANTITIES ON YEAR ROUND BASIS.  
FURTHERMORE PEARS CONSIDERED A LUXURY ITEM BECAUSE OF HIGH COST,  
AND HIGH INCOME CLASSES CAN AFFORD TO BUY THEM, EVEN AT  
SLIGHTLY HIGHER PRICES. LEADING VENEZUELAN PEAR IMPORTER  
WITH WHOM WE HAVE DISCUSSED DUTY INCREASE FEELS THAT, FOR  
ABOVE REASONS., EFFECT OF DUTY WILL BE MARGINAL, SHOULD  
NO EXONERATION BE GRANTED , IN FUTURE.  
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